

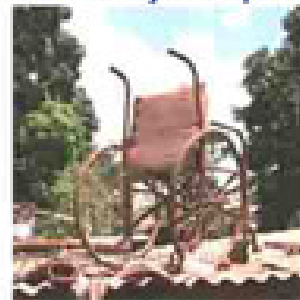
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INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION
for
SPINA BIFIDA
and
HYDROCEPHALUS



International Federation for Hydrocephalus and Spina bifida





This cause paralysed down the lesion.



IF is fighting for a decent life for all these children here and in developing countries.













Olga, psychologue & doctor (NL)



Sara doctor (IT)



Guro ex-minister (N)



Vicky lawyer (Guatemala)



Jeffrey conductor (UK)

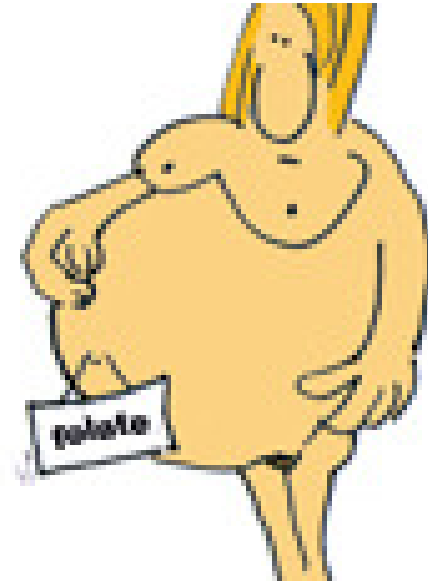
Prevention should never have a judgement about the value of any person with Spina Bifida



the associations for Spina Bifida in many countries themselves took the lead for prevention



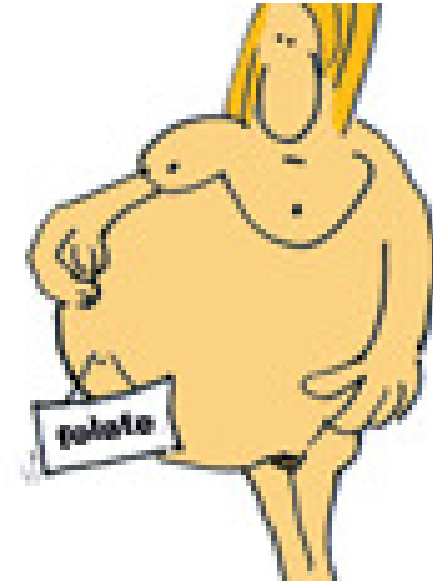
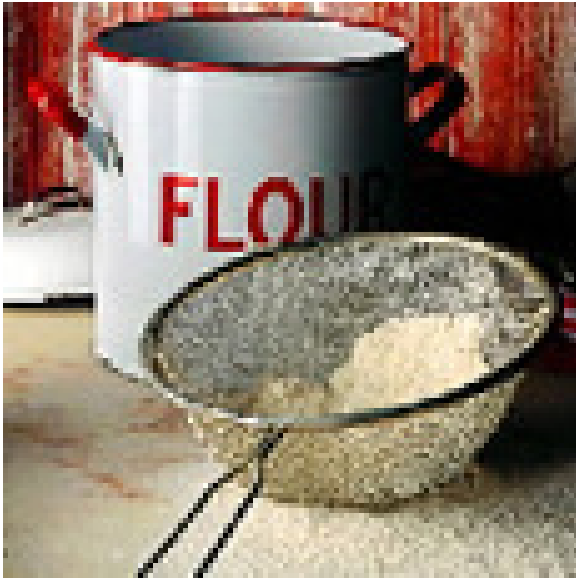
The same child is born without a disability



It's an established fact
that a daily intake of 0.4 mg of folic acid,
at least two months prior to the conception
and the first months of pregnancy,



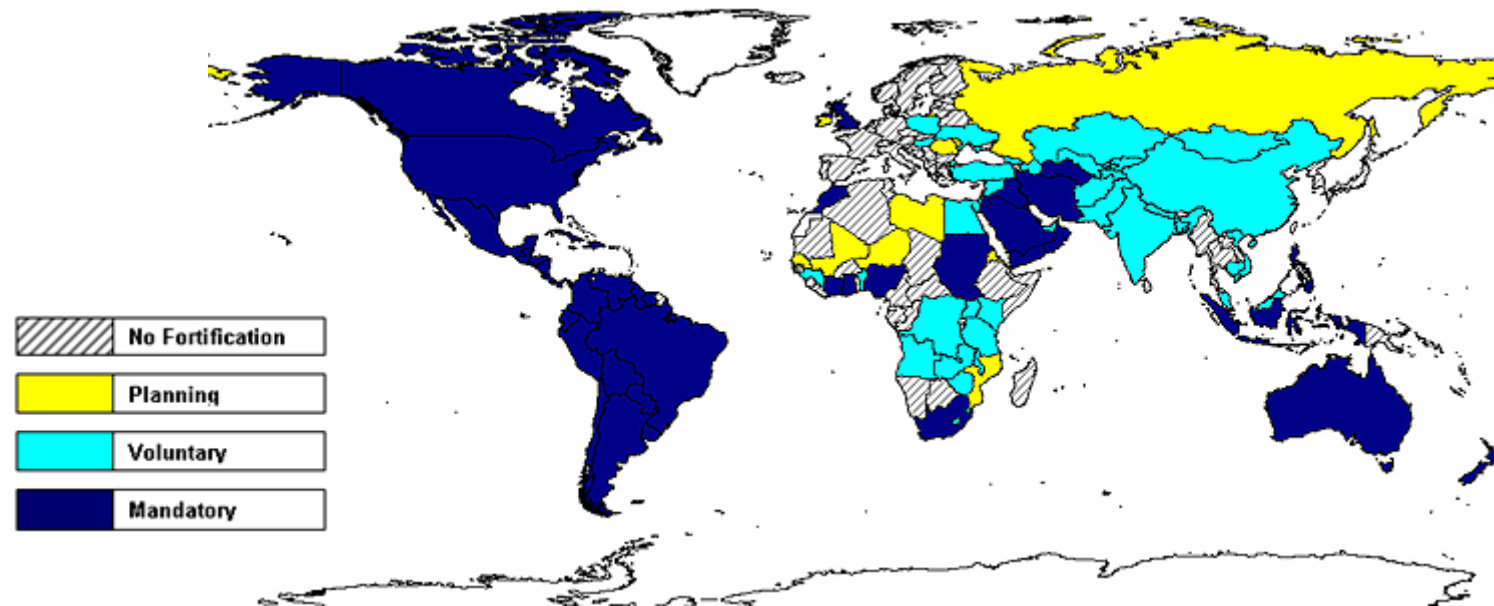
Folic Acid is a vitamin B that is needed to be in top condition for all top performances like getting old or becoming pregnant I take it too, it is good for all of us.



Therefore IF is also advocating for mandatory fortification of staple food with Folic Acid.



Therefore the IF AWARD 2007 went at the international Conference on Prevention in Kampala to the FFI . The Ugandan First lady handed it over to the worldwide coordinator Glen Maberly.



Europe is a blind spot on the flour fortification worldwide map.



**thousands of children were prevented
from mental disabilities**



Dioxin emissions, moldy corn product
and some
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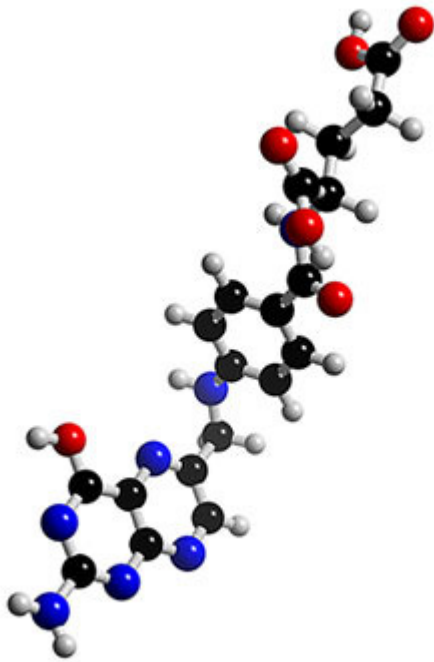


Ear and kernel rot of corn.
Courtesy Harold Kaufman, TAEX, 1996.

The mould presumably gives off a toxin which disturbs the effects of folic acid.



Some antibiotics even counter
the effect of folic acid .
If these products are used
in cattle-feed
they inevitably end up in our food.



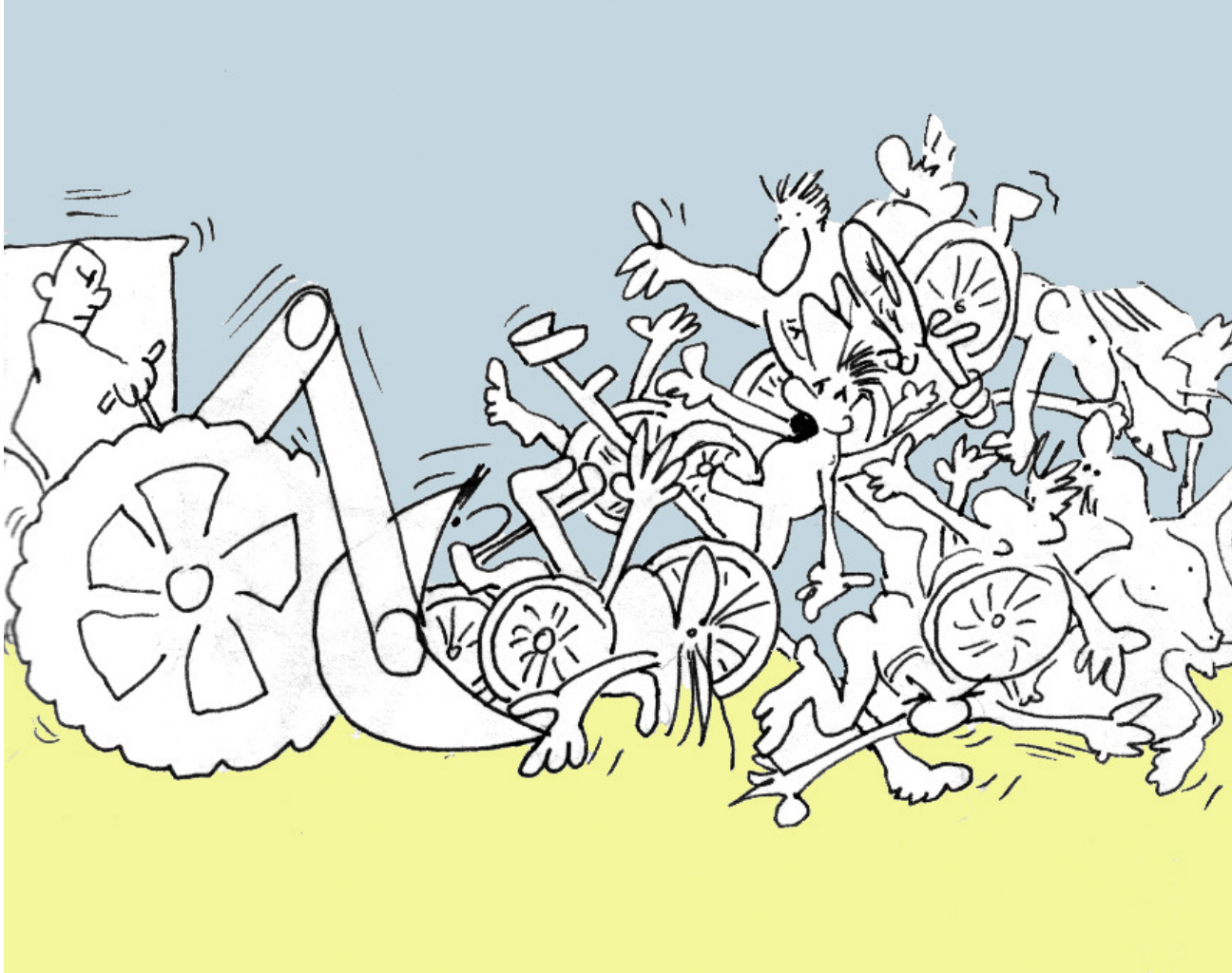
Further research on the real causes of spina bifida is needed because an extra daily doses of folic acid can hide the real cause of this low level of folic acid in the mother.



unborn children with impairments in the North,
are being systematically eliminated
after a prenatal diagnosis,



As a result spina bifida threatens to be an impairment of the South where prenatal diagnosis is hardly developed.



prenatal diagnosis is wrongly described as prevention. It's obvious that nothing is prevented. It's early detection, with the aim of eliminating unborn children with an impairment.



should we prevent who we love?



her smile



It is because we love,
we prevent.

